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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 2-2-06		
SPONSOR	Vigil	LAST UPDATED	HB 768
	SAN MIGUEL COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE		
SHORT TITLE	TREATMENT	SB	
		ANALYST	Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 768 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for San Miguel county to create a substance abuse treatment facility and implement court-mandated and voluntary substance abuse treatment programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

The Citizens Advisory Committee at the Detention Center in Las Vegas indicate the total cost of the facility should be about \$715 thousand including \$386 thousand for salaries and benefits for staff, \$116.4 thousand for rental and utilities, \$108 thousand for kitchen costs, \$52 thousand for office supplies and costs, and \$52.2 thousand to purchase a ADA compliant van to transport clients. It is not clear if local government will pay the balance of the operating costs of the facility.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA noted that San Miguel County in northern New Mexico ranked fourth in the state for combined alcohol- and drug-related death rates. San Miguel County and its neighbor, Mora County, ranked third, and fifth, respectively, for alcohol-related death rates. San Miguel had the third highest rate for alcohol-and drug-related hospitalizations. Rio Arriba, McKinley, Cibola, and San Miguel counties bear a heavier burden, per capita, from deaths related to substance abuse than any other counties in the state. These four counties, in northern and northwestern New Mexico, have the highest alcohol- and drug-related death rates in the state. Various other indicators, including hospitalization rates, alcohol-involved crash rates, alcohol-involved crash fatality rates, DWI arrest rates, and youth substance abuse rates, show that these four counties are disproportionately affected by alcohol and drug abuse.

The Department of Health (DOH) indicated According to the 2004 New Mexico Social Indicator Report, San Miguel county ranks 7th in the state for past 30 day use of alcohol among 9th through 12th graders and 5th for past 30 day marijuana use. San Miguel also ranks among the top 10 for alcohol and drug related hospitalization rates. San Miguel county ranked 4th in the state for alcohol related crashes between the years 2000 and 2002. All Behavioral Health services including substance abuse programs are being coordinated through a collaborative effort with 17 state agencies. Services will be required to flow through the collaborative through a contract with Value Options - New Mexico (VO-NM). If this appropriation is realized, the resources would likely be administered through VO-NM.

The Administrative Office of the Courts indicated the proposed legislation refers to implementing “court-mandated and voluntary substance abuse treatment programs,” which could refer to anything from a 28-day in-patient treatment facility to a court-run drug court program.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH noted that HB768 is not a part of the DOH Executive budget request. HB768 falls under the DOH Strategic Plan, Program Area 5, Objective 1: Improve access, quality and value of mental health and substance abuse services.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA can administer this appropriation with existing staff.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB464 which appropriates \$350,000 to the department of health for development of a substance abuse treatment program in San Miguel county.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DFA indicated the word "create" is not the proper choice. The bill does not create a substance abuse treatment facility. This should be reworded. DFA was also concerned the language is trying to accomplish two separate things. One idea is for the substance abuse treatment facility and the other is to implement court-mandated and voluntary substance abuse treatment programs. These are two different ideas. It is better to keep the language specific.